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Preface.

IT is an arrestive fact that Sanctuary Worship in the Free Churches has retained its principal features almost unaltered during several generations. The charm of a warm and reverent simplicity, which has characterised the worship of our Churches, has become, in many cases, a fixed and stereotyped simplicity. Apart from hymn-singing, and chanting of the Psalms, and, possibly, the chanting, or repetition of the Lord's Prayer, the people have no active part in the Service. The desire, which many Free Church worshippers have long entertained, for an Order of Service which would provide, in addition to free prayer, congregational responses, is now a vocal demand, heard more clearly and more insistently since the Great War multiplied the heart-breaks of the world. Dr. John Hunter anticipated this demand when he issued, some twenty-five years ago, his helpful "Devotional Services for Public Worship." We have ventured, pursuing somewhat different lines, to follow in his train.

Our aim has been to prepare a sufficient variety of Services to render unnecessary the too frequent use of any one Form. When congregations use the same order throughout the Christian Year there is little stir of attention, and often a thoughtless and parrot-like response. Perhaps this fact, more than any other, accounts for the prejudice in Free Church circles to liturgies as such. They may so easily become mechanical and formal. Yet, the liturgical element in worship surely has its value and its place, and the truly worshipful heart will see to it that it is not abused.

It has occurred to us that more general use might be made of hymnal responses, as well as of the ordinary chanted, or spoken response. Hence the frequent introduction in the Services of sacred songs. In every Service, too, provision has been made for a period of Silent Prayer, followed by a Prayer of Adoration. We need in our Free Church Order "more quiet resting-places for secret silent prayer and adoring wonder."

"Sweet thought of God! now do thy work
As thou hast done before.

. . . . . .

The very thinking of the thought
Without or praise or prayer,
Gives light to know, and life to do,
And marvellous strength to bear."

The soul asks for moments of adoring stillness in which this "thought of God" may fill the mind. We are not without hope that "Sanctuary Worship" will do something towards meeting this wide and acknowledged need.

Service XVI., "The Dial," is practically the Form used by Bishop Andrewes; Service XVII., "The Name," is based upon a passage in Christina G. Rossetti's "The Face of the Deep," and the General Service of Intercession (VIII.) is an adaptation which Dr. John Hunter has kindly allowed us to make of his Form. We are indebted to Mr. John Oxenham for permission to build Thanksgiving Service (C) upon his wonderful "Te Deum of the Commonplace" (*vide* 41st Edition of "Bees in Amber"); and also to Prof. Arthur S. Way for the privilege of using in Service XXVI., "Christmas (A)", extracts from his translation of "The Epistles of Paul." In preparing Service XI. use has been made of the "Prayers in Time of War" issued "by Authority" by the S.P.C.K. The source of the various invocatory prayers is indicated *in loco*, and grateful acknowledgment is hereby made of the favour of all publishers concerned.

And now (turning from the distant plural to the more intimate singular) let me say, as Robert Collyer once said of one of his sermonic volumes, that I let this book go out into the world, feeling almost as if it were one of my children. I cannot be indifferent to its reception, because I love the worship of the Sanctuary which it seeks to encourage and to make more helpful and more real. If it should be blessed with a long life and a fruitful service, I shall rejoice greatly; but, let its career be what it may, I shall still be glad that it was born.

ERNEST F. H. CAPEY.

Whitley Bay, January, 1916.

Suggested
Order of Service.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY.

RESPONSIVE SENTENCES (or Introit).

INVOCATORY PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER.

HYMN.

SCRIPTURE READING.

Responsive Service

AND

Silent Adoration.

SCRIPTURE READING

OR

(*Children's Address* at Morning Service).

HYMN

(*Children's Hymn* at Morning Service).

Notices and Offertory.

ANTHEM (or Chant).

Extempore Prayer.

HYMN.

Sermon.

HYMN.

BENEDICTION.

Note.

The above is simply a "suggested" Order. **In every Service there should be full opportunity for free, or extempore Prayer.** The position of the "Notices and

Offertory" is, in our judgment, important. If announcements are made and offertory received after the Prayer, or after the Sermon, the spiritual atmosphere is often disturbed. A brief extempore Prayer at the close of the Sermon may be most helpful. The children should be encouraged to sing part, if not the whole, of their Hymn by themselves.

The Responsive Sentences are intended to be *read* alternately by the Minister and Congregation. If the marks of punctuation are observed, the Congregational readings will be in perfect unison.

The Responsive Services provide for various kinds of Responses. The Hymnal Responses will naturally be sung; other Responses may either be chanted, or read, as may be found most convenient, and as Congregations prefer.

Opportunity for United Silent Prayer and Adoration, when the soul waits, all hushed, before God, ought to be given we think, in every service. This period of stillness not only meets the spiritual needs of men and women of Quaker simplicity and mystical mind—and such worshippers are to be found in every Congregation—it enables all more effectually to practise the Presence of God, and to lay firmer hold on the things for which they have been led to intercede. There is a

"still communion that transcends
The imperfect offices of prayer and praise."

Responsive Sentences:

Introductory to Worship.

O Lord, go Thou with us into the holy place, and let Thy Spirit guide our worship. May souls be turned to Thee, here and everywhere, through the reading and the preaching of Thy Word. Keep us from presumptuous sins, from the fear of man, and surrender to evil; and be Thou evermore our Guide, our Light, our Comfort. For Jesu's sake.

Amen.

(L. Maclean Watt.)

Responsive Sentences.

Introductory to Worship.

(*The Congregation standing*).

I.

Minister. Rejoice in the Lord. O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright.

Congregation. I will bless the Lord at all times: His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Minister. O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together.

Congregation. O Lord, Thou art my God, I will exalt Thee.

II.

Minister. Sing unto the Lord, O ye saints of His, and give thanks at the remembrance of His holiness.

Congregation. Thou art holy, O Thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.

Minister. Who is like unto Thee, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like Thee, glorious in holiness?

Congregation. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

III.

Minister. Will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, the heaven, and heaven of heavens cannot contain Thee.

Congregation. Thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit.

Minister. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise.

Congregation. Come, and let us return unto the Lord; for He hath torn, and He will heal us; He hath smitten, and He will bind us up.

IV.

Minister. It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning.

Congregation. Great is Thy faithfulness.

Minister. The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear Him, and His righteousness unto children's children.

Congregation. Remember, O Lord, Thy tender mercies and Thy loving-kindnesses; for they have been ever of old.

V.

Minister. Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord; though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

Congregation. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Minister. Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Congregation. O Lord, save me, and I shall be saved.

VI.

Minister. Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth: and break forth into singing, O mountains; for the Lord hath comforted His people, and will have mercy upon His afflicted.

Congregation. Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing: Thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness.

Minister. Let all those that seek Thee rejoice and be glad in Thee; let such as love Thy salvation say continually, The Lord be magnified.

Congregation. I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the Lord.

VII.

Minister. Behold, upon the mountains the feet of Him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace!

Congregation. How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

Minister. Brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified.

Congregation. Let Thy priests, O Lord God, be clothed with salvation, and let Thy saints rejoice in goodness.

VIII.

Minister. Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord, that delighteth greatly in His commandments.

Congregation. Who shall not fear Thee, O Lord, and glorify Thy name? for Thou only art holy.

Minister. He is the Rock, His work is perfect: for all His ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is He.

Congregation. The Lord is upright: He is my Rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.

IX.

Minister. Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty. In Thine hand is power and might; and in Thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all.

Congregation. God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power belongeth unto God.

Minister. He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might He increaseth strength.

Congregation. Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

X.

Minister. The dayspring from on high hath visited us, to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Congregation. Unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given.

Minister. God so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Congregation. Thanks be unto God, for His unspeakable gift.

XI.

Minister. Great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

Congregation. And we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only-begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Minister. He came unto His own, and His own received Him not.

Congregation. I believe that Thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world.

XII.

Minister. Since by man came death:

Congregation. By man came also the resurrection from the dead.

Minister. For as in Adam all die;

Congregation. Even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

Minister. O death, where is thy sting?

Congregation. Death is swallowed up in victory. Thanks be unto God who giveth us the victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

XIII.

Minister. I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

Congregation. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him.

Minister. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead;

Congregation. To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away.

XIV.

Minister. This is the day which the Lord hath made;

Congregation. We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Minister. I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures.

Congregation. God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by His own power.

XV.

Minister. Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

Congregation. Take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.

Minister. Building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, keep yourselves in the love of God.

Congregation. The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost, which is given unto us.

XVI.

Minister. Young men and maidens; old men and children: Let them praise the name of the Lord.

Congregation. While I live will I praise the Lord: I will sing praises unto my God while I have my being.

Minister. God, before whom our fathers . . . did walk, the God which fed us all our life long unto this day; the angel which redeemed us from all evil,

Congregation. Bless the lads.

XVII.

Minister. I will establish My covenant between Me and thee, thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.

Congregation. That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as corner stones, polished after the similitude of a palace.

Minister. All thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children.

Congregation. The house of the righteous shall stand.

XVIII.

Minister. Gather the people together, men, and women, and children, that they may hear, and that they may learn, and fear the Lord your God, and observe to do all the words of this law.

Congregation. We are all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God.

Minister. God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,

Congregation. Hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son.

XIX.

Minister. Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousand of His saints.

Congregation. Who may abide the day of His coming? and who shall stand when He appeareth? for He is like a refiner's fire.

Minister. Behold, He cometh with clouds;

Congregation. And every eye shall see Him, and they also which pierced Him.

Minister. Behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

Congregation. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

XX.

Minister. When we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. Scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die.

Congregation. But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Minister. If, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son,

Congregation. Much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

XXI.

Minister. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs.

Congregation. Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against Thee.

Minister. Is not My word like as a fire? saith the Lord; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?

Congregation. The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul.

XXII.

Minister. O God, Thou hast made the earth to tremble; Thou hast broken it: heal the breaches thereof; for it shaketh.

Congregation. In the shadow of Thy wings will we make our refuge, until these calamities be overpast.

Minister. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Thy Name; and deliver us, and purge away our sins, for Thy Name's sake.

Congregation. Turn us again, O God, and cause Thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

XXIII.

Minister. Comfort ye, comfort ye My people, saith your God.

Congregation. Our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and God, even our Father . . . hath given us everlasting consolation.

Minister. Who is among you that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? let him trust in the Name of the Lord, and stay upon his God.

Congregation. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

XXIV.

Sursum Corda (*vide* page 87).

Responsive Services.

"I give myself to prayer;
Lord, give Thyself to me,
And let the time of my request
Thy time of answer be."

(T. T. Lynch.)

Responsive Services.

I.

Thanksgiving (A).

The Organist having played the Response the Congregation shall stand.

Minister. Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, whose lovingkindness crowns the days, our song shall be alway Thy mercy, singing Thy praise, O God.

For life, and breath and all things :

Congregation. We praise Thee, O God.

Minister. For the delights of intellect and the pleasures of sense ; for the strength to labour and the heart to enjoy :

Congregation. We praise Thee, O God.

Minister. For the light and love of home ; for the smile of friendship ; for craftsman's art and music's measure ; for the inspiration of good books, and more especially for the Scriptures of Truth, the oracles of God :

Congregation. We praise Thee, O God.

Minister. For the wonder and beauty of the world ; day and night, spring and autumn, summer and winter, seedtime and harvest :

Congregation. We praise Thee, O God.

Minister. For the hunger that has seized us when we have wandered in distance and strangeness from Thee; for the slings and arrows of conscience; for all the sorrows and the shames of sin:

Congregation. We praise Thee, O God.

Minister. For the discipline of life; for the grace which has enabled us to endure its trials and to catch the far-off interest of tears:

Congregation. We praise Thee, O God.

Minister. For the sacred and tender memories that gather around our dead; for the hope of reunion when, time being no more, the Angel of Thy Presence shall come to home us with them and with Thee:

Congregation. We praise Thee, O God.

Minister. And above all,

For the gift of Thy Son, our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ; for the story of His life, for the mystery of His death, and for the glory of His resurrection:

Congregation. We praise Thee, O God.

Here all unite in

Silent Prayer.

Minister. God of all grace and love, the only true God! We have praised Thee with our lips; grant that we may also praise Thee with our lives.

All standing shall sing:

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

II.

Thanksgiving (B).

The Organist having played the Hymnal Response the Congregation shall stand.

Minister. The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof. The day is Thine, the night also is Thine: Thou hast prepared the light and the sun.

Congregation.

For the beauty of the earth,
  For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
  Over and around us lies,
Gracious God, to Thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.

Minister. Know ye that the Lord He is God; it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves. The hearing ear, and the seeing eye, the Lord hath made even both of them.

Congregation.

For the joy of ear and eye,
  For the heart and mind's delight,
For the mystic harmony
  Linking sense to sound and sight,
Gracious God, to Thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.

Minister. A father pitieth . correcteth . a mother comforteth . a friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

Congregation.

For the joy of human love,
  Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above,
  For all gentle thoughts and mild,
Gracious God, to Thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.

Minister. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with Whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

Congregation.

For each perfect gift of Thine
  To our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine,
  Flowers of earth and buds of heaven,
Gracious God, to Thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.

Here the Congregation lift their hearts in

Silent Adoration,

after which Minister and People unite in repeating

The General Thanksgiving:

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we, Thine unworthy servants, do give Thee most humble and hearty thanks for all Thy goodness and lovingkindness to us and to all men. We bless Thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but, above all, for Thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we beseech Thee, give us that due sense of all Thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we may show forth Thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to Thy service, and by walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III.

Thanksgiving (C).

The Response, if chanted, shall be played by the Organist, and the People shall stand.

Minister.

For all things beautiful, and good, and true;
For light and air; sweet sense of sound and smell;
For ears to hear the heavenly harmonies;
For eyes to see the unseen in the seen:

Congregation. We thank Thee, Lord.

Minister.

For meadows spread with gold and gemmed with stars;
For every tint of every tiniest flower;
For those white peaks, serene and grand and still;
For that deep sea—a shallow to Thy love:

Congregation. We thank Thee, Lord.

Minister.

For all Thy ministries,—
For morning mist, and gently-falling dew;
For summer rains, for winter ice and snow;
For whispering wind and purifying storm;
For gleaming sands, and granite-frontled cliffs;
For flying spume, and waves that whip the skies;
For rushing gale, and for the great glad calm;
For Might so mighty, and for Love so true,
With equal mind,

Congregation. We thank Thee, Lord.

Minister.

For maiden sweetness, and for strength of men;
For children's laughter, and deep wells of truth:

Congregation. We thank Thee, Lord.

Minister.

For doubts that led us to the larger trust;
For ills to conquer; for the love that fights;
For that strong faith that vanquished axe and flame
And gave us Freedom for our heritage;

Congregation. We thank Thee, Lord.

Minister.

For that supremest token of Thy Love,—
Thyself made manifest in human flesh;
For that pure life beneath the Syrian sky—
For that dark hour in lone Gethsemane;
For that high Cross upraised on Calvary;
The broken seals—the rolled-back stone—The Way,
For ever opened through His life in death;
For that brief glimpse vouchsafed within the veil,
For all His gracious life; and for His Death,
With low-bowed heads and hearts impassionate

Congregation. We thank Thee, Lord.

Minister.

For hearts triumphant in perpetual hope;
For that last hope of likeness to Thyself,
When hope shall end in glorious certainty;
With quickened hearts
That find Thee everywhere

Congregation. We thank Thee, Lord.

Silent Prayer.

Minister. Receive, O Lord, the imperfect praise of Thy children; and though we cannot name Thy blessings or number them aright, help us to declare, both with our lips and in our lives, our love to Thee, Who givest all. *Amen.*

IV.

Worship.

The Organist having played the Hymnal Response the Congregation shall stand.

Minister. How amiable are Thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts! I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.

Lord, I have loved the habitation of Thy house, and the place where Thine honour dwelleth.

Congregation.

We love the place, O God,
Wherein Thine honour dwells;
The joy of Thine abode
All earthly joy excels.

Minister. In all places where I record My Name I will come unto thee, and I will bless thee.

There I will meet with the children of Israel, and the Tabernacle shall be sanctified by My glory.

Congregation.

It is the house of prayer,
Wherein Thy servants meet;
And Thou, O Lord, art there,
Thy chosen flock to greet.

Minister. O how love I Thy law! it is my meditation all the day. Great peace have they which love Thy law; and nothing shall offend them.

Congregation.

We love the word of life,
The word which tells of peace,
Of comfort in the strife
And joys that never cease.

Minister. Praise ye the Lord. Praise the Lord, O my soul. While I live will I praise the Lord: I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being. The host of heaven worshippeth Thee.

Congregation.

We love to sing below
  Of mercies freely given;
But O we long to know
  The triumph song of heaven!

Minister. This I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all discernment:

That ye may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled unto all the fulness of God.

Congregation.

Lord Jesus, give us grace,
  On earth to love Thee more,
In heaven to see Thy face,
  And with Thy saints adore.

Here the People lift their hearts in

Silent Adoration,

after which the Minister shall say:

Most high, eternal, and ineffable Wisdom, drive away from us the darkness of blindness and ignorance;
Most high and eternal Strength, deliver us;
Most high and eternal Light, illumine us;
Most high and infinite Mercy, have mercy on us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

V.

Petition.

The Response, if chanted, shall be played by the Organist, and the People shall stand.

Minister. Lord, teach us to pray. This is the confidence that we have in Thee, that, if we ask anything according to Thy will, Thou hearest us: and if we know that Thou hearest us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Thee.

What things are good and profitable alike to our bodies and souls;

Congregation. Grant, Lord, we humbly beseech Thee

Minister. Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are of good report—that we may think on these things to do them;

Congregation. Grant, Lord, we humbly beseech Thee.

Minister. That calling upon Thee in the day of trouble we may be delivered, and strengthened with strength in our souls;

Congregation. Grant, Lord, we humbly beseech Thee.

Minister. That, in hours of tempest and of calm, our hearts may be piloted into the haven of the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ;

Congregation. Grant, Lord, we humbly beseech Thee.

Minister. That, repenting and turning unto Thee, our sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;

Congregation. Grant, Lord, we humbly beseech Thee.

Minister. That the very God of peace may sanctify us wholly, and that our whole spirit, and soul, and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ;

Congregation. Grant, Lord, we humbly beseech Thee.

Minister. That, in all time of our wealth, and in all time of our tribulation; in every circumstance and in every place, when life is gladsome and when death is near, we may know, and trust the Eternal Love and Care.

Congregation. Grant, Lord, we humbly beseech Thee.

Here all unite in

Silent Prayer.

Minister. We give Thee thanks, O our God, our mercy, who hast vouchsafed to lead us to a conception of Thee, that in Thine unbounded goodness Thou hast patience with us, waiting for the perfecting of our lives.

Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end.

Amen.

VI.

Confession.

All standing, the Minister shall say:

If My people, which are called by My Name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

Congregation. When Thou saidst unto me, Seek ye My face, my heart said unto Thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek.

Minister. He that covereth his sins shall not prosper; but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy. Rend your heart and not your garments and turn unto the Lord your God; for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness and repenteth Him of the evil.

Congregation. Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Thy lovingkindness; according unto the multitude of Thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.

Here the People, after a period of

Silent Prayer,

join with the Minister in the repetition of

The General Confession:

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But Thou,

O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare Thou them, O God, who confess their faults. Restore Thou them that are penitent, according to Thy promises declared unto mankind, in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and sober life, to the glory of Thy holy Name. *Amen.*

VII.

Intercession (The Prayers of St. Paul).

The Response, if chanted, shall be played by the Organist, and the People shall stand.

Minister. We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you;

That ye might be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding:

Congregation. We beseech Thee to help us, O God.

Minister. That your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all discernment:

Congregation. We beseech Thee to help us, O God.

Minister. That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him; the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of His calling, and what the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness

of His power to usward who believe, according to the working of His mighty power.

Congregation. We beseech Thee to help us, O God.

Minister. That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

Congregation. We beseech Thee to help us, O God.

Minister. The Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ.

Congregation. We beseech Thee to help us, O God.

Minister. The very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Congregation. We beseech Thee to help us, O God.

Here all unite in

Silent Prayer,

after which the Minister shall say:

Now unto Him that is able to keep us from falling and to present us faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever.

Amen.

VIII.

Intercession (General).

The Response, if chanted, shall be played by the Organist, and the People shall stand.

Minister. Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who lovest all and forgettest none, we bring to Thee our supplications for all Thy creatures and all Thy children.

For all whom we love and for whom we watch and care:

Congregation. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. For all who have blessed us with kindness, led us with patience, restored us with their sympathy and help, and whose charity has covered a multitude of our sins:

Congregation. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. For all who have wished or done us ill, that Thou wouldst turn their hearts to penitence and ours to pity and blessing:

Congregation. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. For all dumb creatures; that men may be merciful to the beasts, and be touched with a feeling of their infirmities:

Congregation. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. For all perplexed by the deeper questions of life, overshadowed with doubt, and concerned lest even in thought they should depart from Thee, that light may arise in their darkness:

Congregation. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. For all who are sad because they cannot sorrow for sin as they fain would, that they may come to know the sweetness of Thy love, and the wideness of Thy mercy:

Congregation. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. For all who are lonely and sad in the midst of others' joys, that they may know God as their Friend and Comforter:

Congregation. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. For the infirm and aged, and all who are growing weary with the journey of life, and for all who are passing through the valley of death, that they may find comfort and strength in God, and light at evening time:

Congregation. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Minister. For all forgotten by us, but dear to Thee, for the whole family in heaven and on earth:

Congregation. We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Here all unite in

Silent Prayer.

after which the Minister shall say:

Protect, O Lord, Thy suppliants, support our weakness, and wash away our earthly stains; and while we walk amid the darkness of this mortal life, do Thou ever quicken us by Thy light; deliver us in Thy mercy from all evils, and grant us to attain the height of good: through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

IX.

Intercession (National).

The Organist having played the opening bars of the National Anthem, the Congregation shall stand.

Minister. I exhort, therefore, that first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;

For Kings.

Give the King Thy judgments, O God, and Thy righteousness unto the King's son. Establish the throne in righteousness. God save the King.

Congregation.

God save our gracious King;
Long live our noble King;
God save the King!
Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us;
God save the King!

Minister. For all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty:

Congregation. We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

Minister. For His Majesty's Ministers of State [especially at this time for those who, under Thee, are entrusted with duties which involve the good order and safety of the land] and all members of Parliament:

Congregation. We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

Minister. For members of City Councils, judges and magistrates, and all who rule over their fellow

men ; that they may be able and just, ruling in the fear of God :

Congregation. We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

Minister. For all wise and zealous men and women who seek to promote social happiness and good, who defend the poor and fatherless, do justice to the afflicted and needy, loose the bands of wickedness, undo heavy burdens and let the oppressed go free :

Congregation. We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

Minister. For all teachers of youth ; all doctors and nurses ; all ministers of religion ; all missionaries of the Cross :

Congregation. We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

Minister. For the world in its vast and multitudinous needs ; that Thy saving health may be known among all nations :

Congregation. We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

Here all unite in

Silent Prayer,

after which the Minister shall say:

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto Thee ; and dost promise, that when two or three are gathered together in Thy Name Thou wilt grant their requests ; Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of Thy servants, as may be most expedient for them ; granting us in this world knowledge of Thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.

Amen.

X.

Intercession (During Time of War (A)).

The Response, if chanted, shall be played by the Organist, and the People shall stand.

Minister. Almighty God, the dwelling place of Thy people, we run unto Thee to hide us. We will say of the Lord, He is our Refuge and our Fortress, our God, in Whom we will trust. Our fathers trusted in Thee and Thou didst deliver them. Deliver us; cause Thy face to shine, and we shall be saved.

Congregation. We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

Minister. Thou knowest our hearts. Ashamed and confounded, we cover our heads, humbling ourselves before Thee that these things we now witness should ever be. If with all our hearts we have not sought Thee; if we have not loved peace and wooed it; if there has been in us any thirst for human glory, any unworthy striving after world conquest and national power; if we have failed to seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness: we entreat Thy mercy. Deliver us from blood-guiltiness, O God, Thou God of our salvation, for the glory of Thy Name, and cleanse us from our sins.

Congregation. We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

Minister. We commend one another to Thee; our brethren whose lives are in peril, on sea and in air and on land: all who are in training for conflict. Manifest Thyself in mercy to those who fall, whether friends or foes; raise up helpers to the distressed, and comfort all who mourn.

Congregation. We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

Minister. Help us whose hands grasp no weapon to be reverent, and prayerful, and calm. O God our maker, who giveth songs in the night, shield us, save us. In all our warfare keep us from bitterness, and contempt, and lust of blood. Turn the hearts of our enemies to us, and our hearts to them, and all hearts to Thee.

Congregation. We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

Minister. And hasten the day of peace. Scatter those who delight in war. May this war be the war that ends war. Thou, O Lord, art in the midst of Thy people of every nation and all lands. The government is upon Thy shoulder. Fulfil Thy vast and wise designs; overrule the reckless and sinful ambitions of men, bring light out of darkness, sweetness out of bitterness, glory out of shame. Amid the changes of time and the convulsions of thrones lead us into the secret place, the sanctuary of peace, where the lamp of the Presence burns on undimmed. Blessed are they who can stand and watch the mountains depart and the hills remove, and yet are themselves at rest, singing the song of the kindness that cannot depart, the covenant of peace that cannot be broken or annulled. May this blessedness be ours.

Congregation. We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

Here all unite in

Silent Prayer,

after which the Minister shall say:

Hear us and answer us for the sake of Jesus, Son of Man, Son of God, Prince of Peace, the world's Saviour and King.

Amen.

XI.

Intercession (During Time of War (B)).

The Congregation, kneeling, shall sing:

Now pray we for our country,
  That England long may be
The holy and the happy.
  And the gloriously free.

Who blesseth her is blessèd!
  So peace be in her walls;
And joy in all her palaces,
  Her cottages and halls.

Minister. Let us pray for the King and all in Authority.

O Lord God Almighty, guide, we pray Thee, our Sovereign and all those to whom Thou hast committed the government of our nation and empire; and grant to them at this time special gifts of wisdom and understanding, of counsel and strength, that upholding what is right and following what is true, they may obey Thy holy will, and fulfil Thy divine purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation. *Amen.*

Silent Prayer.

Minister. Let us pray for our Sailors and Soldiers and Airmen.

Almighty and Merciful God, we commend to Thy fatherly care all who have dedicated themselves to the service of their King on land or sea or in air, especially those whom we know and love. Thou knowest where they are and the dangers which beset them. Help them to submit, with cheerful heart, to work and discipline as they prepare themselves for war. Preserve them at all times from all evil and from all harm. Be Thou to each one a

shield and a defence. In times of waiting or of action, in sickness or in health, in life or in death, grant unto them the comfort of Thy presence. Put into their minds holy thoughts of Thee. Help them to pray. And if it be Thy will, keep them in safety and bring them back to their homes in peace; through our blessed Saviour and Mediator, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation. *Amen.*

Silent Prayer.

Minister. Let us pray for the Sufferers in the War—all Refugees, the Bereaved, the Wounded, the Sick, the Missing, the Prisoners, the Dying, and for all who minister to them.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who hast power of life and death, of health and sickness, uphold and heal, if it please Thee, all who lie wounded and stricken in pain. Let the sighing of the prisoners come up before Thee. Give wisdom and gentleness to all chaplains and doctors and nurses and watchers by the sick, that always bearing about Thy Presence with them, they may not only heal but bless, and shine as lamps of hope in the darkest hours of fear. Hear us as we bring before Thee the sorrows of the bereaved, the necessities of strangers, the helplessness of the weak, the distresses of all Refugees: be thou their Comforter and Friend and wipe away their tears, for Jesu's sake.

Congregation. *Amen.*

Silent Prayer.

Minister. Let us pray for one another, and for our enemies.

O God our Strength, our Shield, help us who remain in the safety of our homes, to do our country

service. Grant unto us all that, laying aside our divisions, we may be united in one heart and mind to bear the burdens that now fall upon us. What time we are afraid, strengthen our trust in Thee. Brace us to play the man in days of reverse, and heart-sickness, and alarm. And, hear us, oh hear us, when we pray Thee to turn the hearts of our enemies to us, and our hearts to them, and all hearts to Thee, for Christ, Thy Son's sake.

Congregation. *Amen.*

Silent Prayer.

Minister. Let us pray that Peace may be Restored.

O God of Peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great Shepherd of the sheep, have compassion upon us and all men and hasten the day of peace. Prepare the hearts of peacemakers in every nation that they may be ready when Thou callest; prosper all counsels that make for the restoration of a rightful and lasting peace, for Thy Mercy's sake and for the glory of Thy Name.

Congregation. *Amen.*

Minister. O God, the Lord of all kings and kingdoms, our souls wait upon Thee. We wait as those that watch for the morning. Will dawn never come?

Look up and lift up your heads;
For your redemption draweth nigh.

Lord, we believe; help Thou our unbelief. Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers, Who turnest the shadow of death into the morning, and blessed be Thy glorious Name for ever, and let the whole earth be filled with Thy glory. *Amen.*

XII.

The Commandments.

The Response, if chanted, shall be played by the Organist, and the People shall stand.

Minister.

I. God spake these words, and said; I am the Lord thy God: Thou shalt have none other gods but Me.

II. Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, and visit the sins of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate Me, and show mercy unto thousands of them that love Me and keep My commandments.

Congregation. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep Thy law.

Minister.

III. Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain: for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain.

Congregation. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep Thy law.

Minister.

IV. Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all that thou hast to do; but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God. In it thou shalt do no manner of work, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, thy man-servant, and thy maid-servant,

thy cattle, and the stranger that is within thy gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the seventh day, and hallowed it.

Congregation. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep Thy law.

Minister.

V. Honour thy father and thy mother; that thy days may be long in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

Congregation. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep Thy law.

Minister.

VI. Thou shalt do no murder.

VII. Thou shalt not commit adultery.

VIII. Thou shalt not steal.

Congregation. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep Thy law.

Minister.

IX. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

X. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his servant, nor his maid, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is his.

Congregation. Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these laws in our hearts, we beseech Thee.

Here all unite in

Silent Prayer.

Minister. O Lord, we beseech Thee mercifully to receive the prayers of Thy people who call upon Thee, and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

XIII.

The Beatitudes.

The Response, if chanted, shall be played by the Organist, and the People shall stand.

Minister. Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Congregation. Write Thy word upon our hearts, we beseech Thee, O Lord.

Minister. Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted.

Congregation. Write Thy word upon our hearts, we beseech Thee, O Lord.

Minister. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Congregation. Write Thy word upon our hearts, we beseech Thee, O Lord.

Minister. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Congregation. Write Thy word upon our hearts, we beseech Thee, O Lord.

Minister. Blessed are the merciful : for they shall obtain mercy.

Congregation. Write Thy word upon our hearts, we beseech Thee, O Lord.

Minister. Blessed are the pure in heart : for they shall see God.

After a period of

Silent Prayer,

the People standing, shall sing:

Blessed are the pure in heart,
They have learned the angel art,
While on earth in heaven to be,
God, by sense unseen, to see.

Nearer than the seraphim
In their flesh shall saints see Him,
With the Father, in the Son,
Through the Spirit, ever one.

Minister. Blessed are the peacemakers : for they shall be called the children of God.

Congregation. Write Thy word upon our hearts, we beseech Thee, O Lord.

Minister. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake : for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Congregation. Write Thy word upon our hearts, we beseech Thee, O Lord.

Minister. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord : they rest from their labours and their works do follow them.

Congregation. *Amen.*

XIV.

The Church (Missionary Day).

The Hymnal Response having been played by the Organist, the People shall stand.

Minister. From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the Lord's name is to be praised.

Congregation.

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Doth his successive journeys run;
His Kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till suns shall rise and set no more.

Minister. It shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills, and all nations shall flow into it. And He will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all people, and the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of His people shall be taken away from off all the earth: for the Lord hath spoken it.

Congregation.

Blessings abound where'er He reigns;
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains;
The weary find eternal rest;
And all the sons of want are blest.

Where He displays His healing power,
Death and the curse are known no more;
In Him the tribes of Adam boast
More blessings than their father lost.

Minister. Behold, these shall come from far: and, lo, these from the north and from the west; and these from the land of Sinim.

Congregation. Let the peoples praise Thee, O God.

Minister. Princes shall come out of Egypt: Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hands unto God.

Congregation. Let the peoples praise Thee, O God.

Minister. The kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given unto the people of the saints of the Most High.

Congregation. Let the peoples praise Thee, O God.

Here all unite in

Silent Prayer.

Then the Minister shall say:

There were great voices in heaven, saying: The kingdoms of this world are become the Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign for ever and ever.

Amen.

XV.

In Memoriam.

All standing shall sing:

God of the living, in whose eyes
  Unveiled Thy whole creation lies,
All souls are Thine: we must not say
  That those are dead who pass away;
From this our world of flesh set free,
We know them living unto Thee.

Released from earthly toil and strife,
With Thee is hidden still their life;
Thine are their thoughts, their works, their powers,
All Thine, and yet most truly ours:
For well we know, where'er they be,
Our dead are living unto Thee.

Minister. We would not have you ignorant, brethren, concerning them that fall asleep; that ye sorrow not, even as the rest, which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also that are fallen asleep in Jesus will God bring with Him. Wherefore, comfort one another with these words.

Congregation. Blessed be God, even the God of all comfort.

Minister. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so I would have told you; I go to prepare a place for you.

Congregation. O grave, where is thy victory?

Minister. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light upon them, nor any heat: for the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall be their shepherd and shall guide them unto fountains of waters of life:

Congregation. And God shall wipe away every tear from their eyes.

Minister. And there shall be night no more; and they need no light of lamp, neither light of sun; For the Lord God shall give them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

Congregation.

Thy word is true, Thy will is just:
To Thee we leave them, Lord, in trust;
And bless Thee for the love which gave
Thy Son to fill a human grave,
That none might fear that world to see
Where all are living unto Thee.

After a period of

Silent Prayer,

the Minister shall say:

Eternal God, Lord of Life, we thank Thee for the hope, sure and certain of the life everlasting. We sorrow not as those without hope. And yet, O our Father, be pitiful towards us if, sorrowing, our hearts strain even to breaking over life's long and last farewells, and if, in our grief at the passing of faces we shall not again on earth see, we find it hard to say: The Lord gave, the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the Name of the Lord.

Still, now and evermore—blessed be Thy Name. For the gift of Thy servant we praise Thee. For every memory of word and deed which quickens our hearts and sanctifies, we praise Thee. Let sorrow have no bitterness in it, no unbelief. Set Thy star above our darkness, and keep it shining till the day breaketh, and

With the morn those angel-faces smile,
Which we have loved long since, and lost awhile.

We entreat these things for the risen Saviour's sake. *Amen.*

Still kneeling, the Congregation shall sing:

For all the saints who from their labours rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy Name, O Jesus, be for ever blessed. Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine!
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine. Alleluia!

Minister. Whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord; whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's. *Amen.*

XVI.

The Dial.*

The Response, if chanted, having been played, the Congregation shall stand.

Minister. Thou who hast put the times and seasons into Thine own power : grant that we may pray unto Thee in a time when Thou mayest be found,

Congregation. And in mercy save us.

Minister. Thou who very early in the morning while it was yet dark didst rise from the dead : raise us up into newness of life,

Congregation. And in mercy save us.

Minister. Thou who at the third hour didst send down the Holy Spirit upon men : breathe upon us, and say, Receive ye the Holy Ghost,

Congregation. And in mercy save us.

Minister. Thou who at the sixth hour didst nail the sins of the world with Thyself to the Cross : blot out the handwriting that is against us,

Congregation. And in mercy save us.

Minister. Thou who at the ninth hour didst taste of death for us sinners and for our sins : bless us, in turning away everyone of us from our iniquities,

Congregation. And in mercy save us.

* This Service may also be used appropriately on the occasion of The Lord's Supper, or on Good Friday.

Minister. Thou who towards evening didst go and tarry with Thy disciples: abide with us, for it is toward evening and the day of life is far spent,

Congregation. And in mercy save us.

Minister. Thou who at the hour of supper didst break the bread and pour the cup, symbols of Thine own broken body and shed blood: in the mystery of Thy death draw us and all men unto Thee,

Congregation. And in mercy save us.

Minister. Thou who hast warned us how Thou wilt come to judgment in a day when men look not for Thee, and at an hour when they are not aware: help us who love Thine appearing every day and every hour to watch and be sober,

Congregation. And in mercy save us.

Here all unite in

Silent Prayer.

Still kneeling all shall sing:

I need Thy presence every passing hour:
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me!

Hold Thou Thy Cross before my closing eyes!
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies!
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life and death, O Lord, abide with me!

Amen.

XVII.

The Name.

All standing, the Minister shall say:

With lowliest reverence, with truest love, we worship God in Christ Jesus, uniting therein with all the redeemed host above, with angels and principalities and powers.

Lord Jesus, Thou art God, alone supreme in absolute supremacy. As God,

Congregation. We worship Thee.

Minister. Thou art Man, whose is the Human Name supreme above every name, that in the Name of Jesus every knee should bow. As Man,

Congregation. We worship Thee.

Minister. Thou hast created all things, and without Thee was not anything made that was made. As Creator,

Congregation. We worship Thee.

Minister. Thou art the Word, God and with God. As the Divine Word,

Congregation. We worship Thee.

Minister. Thou art the Word speaking to us as never man spake. As our Teacher of absolute authority,

Congregation. We worship Thee.

Minister. Thou art the Way whereby alone Man cometh unto the Father. Wayfarers liable to error, beseeching safeguard,

Congregation. We worship Thee.

Minister. Thou art the Truth : in Thee mercy and truth are met together, kindness and truth are shown forth. In the paths of Thy mercy and Thy truth,

Congregation. We worship Thee.

Minister. Thou art the Life. Thou who hadst the power to lay down Thy life and power to take it again, who art Life manifested, and who givest Thy flesh for the life of the world,

Congregation. We worship Thee.

Here the People lift their hearts in

Silent Adoration.

Minister. Thou Brightness of Eternal glory : our very silence speaketh unto Thee. Praise and glory be unto Thee ; let all creatures together, praise and bless Thee.

Amen.

XVIII.

Young People.

The Response, if chanted, having been played, the Congregation shall stand.

Minister. Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth.

Congregation. Lord, have mercy upon us and incline our hearts to remember Thee.

Minister. Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to Thy word.

Congregation. Lord, have mercy upon us and incline our hearts to keep Thy Word.

Minister. Covet earnestly the best gifts. Stir up the gift of God that is within thee. Follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace.

Congregation. Lord, have mercy upon us and incline our hearts to glorify Thee.

Minister. My son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

Congregation. Lord, have mercy upon us and incline our hearts to be strong in Thee.

Minister. Blessed are the eyes that see the things that ye see; for I say unto you that many prophets and kings desired to see the things that ye see and saw them not, and to hear the things that ye hear and heard them not. Young men and maidens let them praise the name of the Lord.

Congregation. Lord, have mercy upon us and incline our hearts to rejoice in Thee.

Minister. Who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord?

Congregation.

Just as I am, Thine own to be,
Friend of the young, who lovest me,
To consecrate myself to Thee,
O Jesus Christ, I come.

Just as I am, young, strong, and free,
To be the best that I can be
For truth, and righteousness, and Thee,
Lord of my life, I come.

Silent Prayer.

Minister. Lord of our life! the Guide of youth, the Support of age, we crave Thy blessing. From the stain of sin do Thou cleanse us; from the dominion and power of sin be pleased to deliver us. Help us to glorify Thee in all the work of our hands, in all the ways of our feet, in all the words of our lips, in all the thoughts and intents of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. *Amen.*

The Lord's Supper.

The Table of the Lord is open and welcome to all; and although none should presume to draw near who are wilfully unbelieving or impenitent, we affectionately invite, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, all who are wearied with their sin or vexed with their doubt, to sit down with us, in the assurance that He will be our Host, who is the Saviour from all sin and the Light of the world.

XIX.

The Lord's Supper (A).

The Hymnal Response having been played, the Congregation shall stand.

Minister. And when they were come to the place which is called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left. And the people stood beholding.

Congregation.

Come, let us stand beneath the cross;
The fountain opened in His side
Shall purge our deepest stains away:
Jesus, our Lord, is crucified.

Minister. And the rulers also derided Him, saying, He saved others; let Him save Himself, if He be Christ, the chosen of God. And the soldiers also mocked Him, coming to Him, and offering Him vinegar, and saying, If Thou be the King of the Jews, save Thyself. Behold, and see if there be any sorrow like unto His sorrow.

Congregation.

Have we no tears to shed for Him,
While soldiers scoff and Jews deride?
Ah! look how patiently He hangs:
Jesus, our Lord, is crucified.

Minister. Jesus said:

"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

"To-day shalt thou be with Me in Paradise."

"Woman! behold thy son." . . . "Behold thy mother."

"My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?"

"I thirst."

"It is finished."

"Father, into Thy hands I commend My spirit."

Congregation.

Seven times He spoke, seven words of love;
And all three hours His silence cried
For mercy on the souls of men:
Jesus, our Lord, is crucified.

Minister. They shall look upon Me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for Him. The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise.

Congregation.

A broken heart, a fount of tears,
Ask, and they will not be denied;
A broken heart love's cradle is:
Jesus, our Lord, is crucified.

After a period of

Silent Prayer,

Minister and People unite in repeating the words of

The General Confession:

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare Thou them, O God, who confess their faults. Restore Thou them that are penitent, according to Thy promises

declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and sober life, to the glory of Thy Holy Name. *Amen.*

After the distribution of the Bread and the Wine, the Minister and Congregation join in the repetition of the Prayer which Jesus taught His disciples, and say:

OUR FATHER, which art in heaven, etc.

XX.

The Lord's Supper (B).

The Hymnal Response having been played, the People shall stand.

Minister. O Lord, our God! we would bring our humble, loyal praises to join in that great song from every creature of blessing and honour and glory and power to the Lamb that was slain.

Congregation.

Come, let us join our cheerful songs
With angels round the throne;
Ten thousand thousand are their tongues,
But all their joys are one.

Worthy the Lamb that died, they cry,
To be exalted thus!
Worthy the Lamb! our hearts reply;
For He was slain for us.

Jesus is worthy to receive
Honour and power divine;
And blessings, more than we can give,
Be, Lord, for ever Thine.

Here all unite in

Silent Prayer,

after which the Minister shall say:

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we thank Thee that the Word has become flesh and dwelt among us. We thank Thee for the ministration of His life, and all the graciousness of His words and deeds. And we bless Thee that He has shown us the Father and scattered for ever the doubts and fears that spring in guilty hearts. But most of all we praise Thee that He has died for all, and therefore is King of all; that He is the very Paschal Lamb which was offered for us and for all men; that by His death He hath destroyed death, and by His rising He hath quickened in us life everlasting. Worthy is the Lamb that was slain! *Amen.*

Minister. Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

He loved me, and gave Himself for me.

Scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die.

But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Still kneeling, the People shall respond:

We believe that Thou shalt come to be our Judge.
We therefore pray Thee help Thy servants: whom Thou has redeemed with Thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with Thy saints: in glory everlasting.

Amen.

Silent Prayer.

Minister. God of all grace, we thank Thee that at this holy Table Jesus Christ is before our eyes openly set forth crucified—wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities—and we praise Thee that in this Bread which we break we have the communion of His broken body, and that in this Cup which we drink we have the communion of His shed blood.

Amen.

After the distribution of the Bread and the Wine, the Minister and Congregation join in the repetition of the Prayer:

OUR FATHER, which art in heaven, etc.

XXI.

The Lord's Supper (C).

The People standing, the Minister shall say:

It is meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Thy glorious Name; evermore praising Thee, and saying:

Congregation. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of Thy glory: glory be to Thee, O Lord most high. *Amen.*

All kneeling, there shall be said

The Prayer of Invocation:

Minister. Immortal and Invisible God, who through the flesh and blood of Jesus Christ hast consecrated for us a new and living way into the holy place; so cleanse us in conscience by the entrance of Thy Word and loose us from our sins by the sacrifice of the Cross, that we may draw near with full assurance of faith, having our hearts made pure to see Thy face, and our souls strengthened to bear Thy light. *Amen.*

After a brief period of

Silent Prayer,

Minister and People join in repeating the words of

The Confession:

Holy Father, who didst create us for Thy glory and ordain us to be conformed to the image of Thy

Son; We confess that we have sinned against heaven and in Thy sight and are no more worthy to be called by Thy Name. Yet of Thy compassion pardon us; in Thy great love receive us; and clothe us again in Thy righteousness; that we may sit down with joy at the Table which Thou hast prepared.

Amen.

Here all lift their hearts in

Silent Adoration.

All standing, the Minister shall say:

Jesus said, The first of all the commandments is this: Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord, and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. And the second is like, namely this: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

If ye keep My commandments ye shall abide in My love; even as I have kept My Father's commandments, and abide in His love.

Congregation.

O dearly, dearly has He loved,
And we must love Him too;
And trust in His redeeming blood,
And try His works to do.

Amen.

After the distribution of the Bread and the Wine, the Minister and Congregation join in the repetition of

The Lord's Prayer.

XXII.

Easter (A).

The Hymnal Response having been played, the People shall stand.

Minister.

Lo, the winter is past,
The rain is over and gone;
The flowers appear on the earth;
The time of the singing of birds is come.

Congregation.

Coming from the winter
  Into happy Spring,
To our risen Saviour
  Easter songs we bring.

Trees that bud and blossom
  At the warm Spring's breath—
Tell us life is greater—
  Greater far than death.

Not to cold, dark winter
  Shall our footsteps tend,
But to that bright summer
  Which shall never end.

Happy, happy Spring-time,
  Happy Easter day;
Jesus Christ is risen
  And He lives for aye.

Minister. Truly the light is sweet, and a pleasant thing it is for the eyes to behold the sun. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Congregation. The Lord's Name be praised.

Minister. Wherefore we faint not; but though our outward man is decaying, yet our inward man is renewed day by day.

Congregation. The Lord's Name be praised.

Minister. For our light affliction, which is for the moment, worketh for us more and more exceedingly an eternal weight of glory; while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

Congregation. The Lord's Name be praised.

Minister. We would not have you ignorant, brethren, concerning them that fall asleep; that ye sorrow not, even as the rest, which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also that are fallen asleep in Jesus will God bring with Him.

Congregation. The Lord's Name be praised.

Here all unite in

Silent Prayer,

after which the Minister shall say:

Eternal God, Lord of every world, we thank Thee for the hope, sure and certain, which Thou hast kindled within us, of the life everlasting. Because Christ lives we shall live also. May our faith in the great redemption which His resurrection insures deliver us more and more from the fear of death, and fill the vast For-ever with all the radiancy and glory of Heaven. For Jesu's sake.

Amen.

XXIII.

Easter (B).

The Hymnal Response having been played, the Congregation shall stand.

Minister. Now late on the Sabbath day, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre. And behold; there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled away the stone, and sat upon it.

Congregation.

On wings of living light,
At earliest dawn of day,
Came down the angel bright,
And rolled the stone away.

Minister. His appearance was as lightning, and his raiment white as snow; and for fear of him the keepers did shake and became as dead men.

Congregation.

The keepers watching near,
At that dread sight and sound
Fell down with sudden fear,
Like dead men to the ground.

Minister. And the angel answered and said unto the women: Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus which was crucified. He is not here, for He is risen, even as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

Congregation.

Ye children of the light,
Arise with Him, arise;
See how the Daystar bright
Is burning in the skies!

Minister. If we have become united with Him by the likeness of His death, we shall be also by the likeness of His resurrection. If we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him; knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death no more hath dominion over Him. Even so reckon ye also yourselves to be dead unto sin but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation.

Leave in the grave beneath
  The old things passed away;
Buried with Him in death,
  O live with Him to-day.

Here all unite in

Silent Prayer.

Minister. Almighty and everlasting God, by whose power Thy Son, Jesus Christ, overcame death, mercifully grant that we may purify ourselves even as He is pure; and, seeking ever to do Thy holy will, may rise through death into a higher and diviner life.

Amen.

XXIV.

Whit-Sunday (A).

The Hymnal Response having been played, the Congregation shall stand.

Minister. I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever; even the spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him; but ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

Congregation.

Come to our poor nature's night
With Thy blessed inward light,
Holy Ghost the Infinite,
Comforter divine.

Minister. For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that He would grant you according to the riches of His glory to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man. Repent ye, therefore, and be converted that your sins may be blotted out when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.

Congregation.

We are sinful—cleanse us, Lord;
Sick and faint—Thy strength afford;
Lost, until by Thee restored,
Comforter divine.

Minister. I will be as the dew unto Israel. The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace.

Congregation.

Like the dew Thy peace distil;
Guide, subdue our wayward will,
Things of Christ unfolding still,
Comforter divine.

Minister. Know ye not that ye are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

Congregation.

Gentle, awful, holy Guest,
Make Thy temple in each breast;
There Thy presence be confessed,
Comforter divine.

Minister. The Spirit also helpeth our infirmities; for we know not what we should pray for as we ought; but the Spirit Himself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

Congregation.

With us, for us, intercede,
And, with voiceless groanings, plead
Our unutterable need,
Comforter divine.

Minister. As many as are led by the Spirit of God they are the sons of God. Because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the spirit of His Son into your hearts crying, Abba, Father.

Congregation.

In us Abba, Father! cry,
Earnest of the bliss on high,
Seal of immortality,
Comforter divine.

Silent Prayer.

Minister. O Holy Spirit, Love of God, infuse Thy grace, and descend plentifully into our hearts. Come, Thou Star and Guide of them that sail the tempestuous sea. Come, Thou Glory and Crown of the living, and only Safeguard of the dying. Come, Holy Spirit, in much mercy—Come.

Amen.

XXV.

Whit-Sunday (B).

The Response, if chanted, shall be played by the Organist, and the People shall stand.

Minister. O Gracious and Holy Spirit, who fillest the whole world, and lovest to dwell with the lowly and contrite of heart, who sheddest abroad in our hearts the love of God and purifiest our hearts by faith:

From the temptations of life, its hidden snares and open bewitchments:

Congregation. Deliver us, we beseech Thee.

Minister. From anger and malice and all uncharitableness:

Congregation. Deliver us, we beseech Thee.

Minister. From all impurity of body and of mind:

Congregation. Deliver us, we beseech Thee.

Minister. And so help our infirmities

That we may never grieve the Spirit nor quench Him by faithlessness and by sin:

Congregation. We beseech Thee, to hear us.

Minister. That we may continue in faith, hope and love to the end:

Congregation. We beseech Thee, to hear us.

Minister. O God, make clean our hearts within us:

Congregation. And take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.

Silent Prayer,

Minister. O God, who through the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, dost pour the gift of love into the hearts of Thy people, enable us to love Thee with our whole strength, and to perform those things which are pleasing unto Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

XXVI.

Christmas (A).

The Hymnal Response having been played, the People shall stand.

Minister. By various partial revelations, under various forms of appeal, did God in past ages speak to our fathers in the persons of His prophets. But now, as the age in which we live draws to its close, He has spoken to us in the person of His Son.

Congregation. O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Minister.

Messiah Jesus came into the world
To save sinners.

Congregation. O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Minister.

Let the same purpose inspire you as was in Messiah Jesus—
He, even when He subsisted in the form of God,
Did not selfishly cling to His prerogative of equality with God:
Nay, tenantless of all that glory,
He assumed the form of a bondslave,
And appeared in the likeness of man.

Congregation.

True God of true God,
Light of Light eternal,
Lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb,
Son of the Father,
Begotten, not created:
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Minister.

So was He found on earth as a man in outward seeming,
And abased Himself in rendering submission—even to the death—
A death upon the Cross!
Because He stooped so low, God uplifted Him very high,
And hath freely given Him The Name—
The Name that is above every Name, decreeing
"In the name of Jesus shall every knee bend in prayer,
Alike of dwellers in heaven, on earth, in the underworld,
And every tongue shall utter this confession,
'Jesus the Messiah is Lord!'"
So rendering glory to God the Father!

Congregation.

Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above,
Sing ye, All glory
To God in the highest!
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Here all lift their hearts in

Silent Adoration.

Minister. Almighty Lord our God, direct our steps into the way of peace, and strengthen our hearts to obey Thy commands; may the Day-spring visit us from on high, and give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death; that they may adore Thee for Thy mercy, follow Thee for Thy truth, desire Thee for Thy sweetness, who art the blessed Lord God of Israel, the only Saviour of the world. *Amen.*

XXVII.

Christmas (B).

The Congregation standing shall sing:

From all that dwell below the skies
Let the Creator's praise arise;
Let the Redeemer's Name be sung,
Through every land, by every tongue.

Minister. God so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have eternal life. He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not also with Him freely give us all things?

Congregation.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The General Thanksgiving.

Minister. Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we, Thine unworthy servants, do give Thee most humble and hearty thanks for all Thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. We bless Thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but, above all, for Thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we beseech Thee, give us that due sense of all Thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we may show forth Thy praise, not only with our lips but in our

lives; by giving up ourselves to Thy service, and by walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation. *Amen.*

Minister. O Lord, open Thou our lips.

Congregation. And our mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

After a period of

Silent Prayer,

all shall stand and sing:

Happy all who hear the message
  Of His coming from above;
Happier still who hail His coming,
  And with praises greet His love.
Blessèd Saviour, Christ most holy,
  In a manger Thou didst rest,
Canst Thou stoop again, yet lower,
  And abide within my breast?

Evil things are there before Thee;
  In the heart where they have fed,
Wilt Thou pitifully enter,
  Son of Man, and lay Thy head?
Enter then, O Christ most holy;
  Make a Christmas in my heart;
Make a heaven of my manger;
  It is heaven where Thou art.

Minister. O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Congregation. And take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.

Minister. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

Congregation. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

Covenant Service

and

Reception of New Members,

on the first Sunday of the Year.

"I bind myself this day to God to pilot me,
His might to uphold me,
His love to enfold me, . . .
His hand to guard me,
His shield to ward me,
Where sin's dark shadow broods—
Against all wiles,
Aught that defiles,
Alone or in multitudes."

—*Patrick.*

XXVIII.

Order of Covenant Service.

Hymn.

Come, let us use the grace Divine,
  And all with one accord,
In a perpetual Covenant join
  Ourselves to Christ the Lord.

Give up ourselves, through Jesu's power,
  His name to glorify;
And promise in this sacred hour
  For God to live and die.

Prayer.

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy Name: through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

After a brief period of

Silent Prayer

Minister and People unite in repeating the words of

The General Confession.

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare Thou them, O

God, who confess their faults. Restore Thou them that are penitent, according to Thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Thy Holy Name.

Amen.

Minister. Almighty God, Spirit of Purity and Grace, whose salvation is never far from the contrite heart, hear our humble confession:

For the mercies of life which we have received thanklessly; for the strength which we have wasted; for the unworthy doubts of Thee which have clouded our path; for the hours when we have yielded to temptation and rebelled against Thee:

Congregation. Forgive us, O God.

Minister. For our selfish comfort amid the wrongs and oppressions and sorrows of life; for our lack of brotherhood and neglect of the service of humanity:

Congregation. Forgive us, O God.

Minister. For all our sins, remembered and forgotten, for the sins we are conscious of, and the sins we are not conscious of because of our sinfulness:

Congregation. Forgive us, O God. *Amen.*

Hymn.

Arise, my soul, arise,
  Shake off thy guilty fears;
Th' atoning Sacrifice
  In my behalf appears:
Before the Throne my Surety stands;
My name is written on His hands.

My God is reconciled,
His pardoning voice I hear,
He owns me for His child,
I can no longer fear,
With confidence I now draw nigh,
And Father, Abba, Father! cry.

The People here kneel and together with the Minister repeat the words of

The Covenant.

O holy and most merciful God, who canst not look upon sin with the least degree of allowance, I do now, in the strength of Thy grace, sincerely engage to lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset me. I now, in all solemnity, covenant to be Thine. Trusting solely for salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is redemption, even the forgiveness of sins, I desire to surrender myself, with all my powers, unto Thee, that I may glorify Thee in my body and in my spirit which are Thine. Save me, use me. Fulfil in me Thy wise and high designs, whatever they may be. Grant what Thou commandest, and command what Thou wilt. Make me a vessel unto honour, sanctified, meet for the Master's use, truly Thy servant, one who comforteth the mourners, who lifteth the fallen, whose joy it is to hasten the coming of Thy glorious Kingdom among men.

Almighty God, searcher of all hearts, who givest me the will, give me also the power, so to live and thus to serve.

May the covenant now made on earth be ratified in Heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Silent Prayer.

Hymn.

Lord, in the strength of grace,
With a glad heart and free,
Myself, my residue of days,
I consecrate to Thee.

Thy ransomed servant, I
Restore to Thee, Thine own,
And from this moment, live or die,
To serve my God alone.

If on this occasion, new members are to be received, the Church Secretary here reads, slowly and distinctly, the list of names of members to be publicly welcomed, each person advancing quietly and taking his or her position in front of the Minister. Then the Minister shall address them, and taking each person successively by the hand shall say:

In the name of Christ I bid you welcome, and in token of membership give you the right hand of Christian fellowship. I commend you to God, and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.

Prayer.

The newly-received members shall remain kneeling while the congregation sings:

When Thy soldiers take their swords,
When they speak the solemn words,
When they kneel before Thee here,
Feeling Thee, their Father near;
These Thy children, Lord, defend,
To their help Thy Spirit send.

When the vows that they have made,
When the prayers that they have prayed,
Shall be fading from their hearts,
When their first warm faith departs;
These Thy children, Lord, defend,
Keep them faithful to the end.

Minister. The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon you and give you peace.

As the Members retire to their places all shall join in singing:

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small,
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

The Administration of the Lord's Supper.

After the distribution of the Bread and the Wine, the congregation shall join in the repetition of the Prayer which Jesus taught His disciples, and say:

OUR FATHER, which art in heaven, etc.

Closing Hymn and Benediction.

May the grace of Christ our Saviour,
And the Father's boundless love,
With the Holy Spirit's favour,
Rest upon us from above.

Thus may we abide in union
With each other and the Lord;
And possess, in sweet communion,
Joys which earth cannot afford.

Minister. Now unto Him that is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever.

Amen.

XXIX.

Services for Choir.

(A).

The Choir having assembled in their own room previous to Public Worship, the Minister shall join them, and all standing, the Minister shall say:

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto Thy Name, O most High.

Choir. O come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

Minister. O God, most blessed, who, in mercy, hast appointed us to the service of the sanctuary, help us adoringly to sing Thy praise. And grant, we beseech Thee, that, singing with the heart and with the understanding also, Thy Name, through us, may be glorified. We ask it in Jesu's Name.

Choir. *Amen.*

(B).

Minister. O Lord, open Thou our lips.

Choir. And our mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

Minister. Praise ye the Lord.

Choir. The Lord's name be praised

Minister. The Lord be with you.

Choir. And with Thy spirit.

Minister. Almighty God, who art worthy to be praised, assist us worthily to praise Thee. If we regard iniquity in our hearts Thou wilt not hear us. Make clean our hearts within us, and so bless us

in the holy place that we may be to others a blessing, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Choir. *Amen.*

(C).

Minister. Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing.

Choir. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise.

Minister. May the songs of our mouth and the meditations of our heart be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, our strength and our Redeemer.

Choir. *Amen.*

(D.)—Sursum Corda.

Minister. Lift up your hearts.

Choir. We lift them up unto the Lord.

Minister. Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God, it is meet and right so to do.

Choir. It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, Holy Father Almighty, Everlasting Father.

Minister. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Thy glorious Name; evermore praising Thee and saying:

Choir. Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God of Hosts, Holy Lord God of Hosts. Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory. Glory be to Thee, O Lord most High.

(E.)

Minister. Awake up, my glory; awake, psaltery and harp; I myself will awake early.

Choir. I will praise Thee, O Lord, among the people, I will sing unto Thee among the nations.

Minister. O Lord, with whom are the preparations of all hearts, graciously help our infirmities for we know not how to praise Thee as we ought. Shed abroad Thy love in our hearts, to the end that we may show forth Thy praise, making melody in our hearts unto the Lord. For Jesu's sake.

Choir. *Amen.*

(F.)

Minister. God be merciful unto us, and bless us, and cause His face to shine upon us;

Choir. That Thy way may be known upon earth, Thy saving health among all nations.

Minister. Let the people praise Thee, O God;

Choir. Let all the people praise Thee.

Minister. Guide us, O God, in all our doings with Thy most gracious favour, and further us with Thy continual help, that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy holy name, and finally, by Thy mercy, obtain everlasting life: through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Choir. *Amen.*

The Apostles' Creed.

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hell (hades);
The third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I BELIEVE in the Holy Ghost;
The holy Catholic Church;
The Communion of Saints;
The Forgiveness of sins;
The Resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting.

Salvator Mundi.

O Saviour of the World, the Son, Lord Jesus stir up Thy strength, and help us, we humbly beseech Thee.

By Thy Cross and precious blood Thou hast redeemed us; save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee.

Thou didst save Thy disciples when ready to perish; hear us and save us, we humbly beseech Thee.

Let the pitifulness of Thy great mercy loose us from our sins, we humbly beseech Thee.

Make it appear that Thou art our Saviour and mighty Deliverer; oh, save us, that we may praise Thee, we humbly beseech Thee.

Draw near, according to Thy promise, from the throne of Thy glory; look down and hear our crying, we humbly beseech Thee.

Come again, and dwell with us, O Lord Christ Jesus; abide with us for ever, we humbly beseech Thee.

And when Thou shalt appear with power, and great glory, may we be made like unto Thee in Thy glorious Kingdom.

Thanks be to Thee, O Lord. Hallelujah! Amen!

Prayers.

"Speak not of the reading and the praying as 'the preliminaries.' When we pray, we are not on the threshold, we are in the Temple. That is the service. 'Lord, teach us how to pray.'"

—*J. Alford Davies.*

Prayers. (Invocatory.)

In the Morning.

LORD OF LIFE AND OF LIGHT, our souls wait upon Thee, the living God, as those that watch for the morning. We wait for power, and love, and a sound mind; we wait for the air of the heavenly life; we wait for strength and peace; we wait for the Holy Spirit, for the forgiveness of our sins, for communion with the saints. We have fallen out of our true life; we wait to be restored to it again. We have been care-bound in the life of the world; O take us into those upper currents of desire which end with Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(*Hamilton Thom.*)

ETERNAL GOD, who hast neither dawn nor evening, yet sendeth us alternate mercies of the darkness and the day; there is no light but Thine, without, within. As Thou liftest the curtain of night from our abodes, take also the veil from all our hearts. Rise with Thy morning upon our souls: quicken all our labour and all our prayers, and though all else declines let the noontide of Thy grace and peace remain. *Amen.*

(*Jas. Martineau.*)

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, the Brightness of faithful souls, fill the world with Thy glory, we pray Thee, and show Thyself, by the radiance of

Thy light, to all the nations of the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(*Gregorian Sacramentary.*)

SPEAK, LORD, for Thy servant heareth. Grant us ears to hear, eyes to see, wills to obey, hearts to love; then declare what Thou wilt, reveal what Thou wilt, command what Thou wilt, demand what Thou wilt. *Amen.*

(*Christina G. Rossetti.*)

O GOD, with whom is the well of life, and in Whose light we see light; increase in us, we beseech Thee, the brightness of Divine knowledge, whereby we may be able to reach Thy plenteous fountain; impart to our thirsty souls the draught of life, and restore to our darkened minds the light from heaven. *Amen.*

(*Arabic Sacramentary.*)

PRESERVE US BLAMELESS, O LORD, in our goings-out and comings-in this day. Fill us with the simplicity of a divine purpose, that we may be inwardly at one with Thy holy will, and lifted above vain wishes of our own. Set free from every detaining desire or reluctance, may we heartily surrender all our powers to the work which Thou hast given us to do; rejoicing in any toil, and fainting under no hardness that may befall us as good soldiers of Jesus Christ; and counting it as our crown of blessing if we may join the company of the

faithful who have kept Thy Name and witnessed to Thy Kingdom in every age. *Amen.*

(*Jas. Martineau.*)

O Lord God, our heavenly Father, we come to Thee in the multitude of Thy mercies to bring to Thee our united offering of gratitude. We come in the multitude of our sins to beg Thy forgiveness. We come in the multitude of our wants to ask Thy fatherly blessing. In the spirit of Thy children, in the spirit of Thy beloved Son, we would lift up our hearts to Thee in worship and adoration. May no unhallowed thoughts or cares disturb the quiet of this day. And whatever desires of ours may not be granted, cast us not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from us. *Amen.*

(*T. Sadler.*)

Almighty God, the Refuge of all that are distressed, grant unto us that, in all trouble of this our mortal life, we may flee to the knowledge of Thy loving-kindness and tender mercy; that so, sheltering ourselves therein, the storms of life may pass over us, and not shake the peace of God that is within us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(*George Dawson.*)

Endear to us, O King of Zion, all the ordinances of Thy house this day. In the midst of the Church may we sing praise. Let our spirit rise with the risen Redeemer. Though we see Him not, yet

believing in Him, may we rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory. When we close this day, may it be with thankfulness, may fruit be found in us, may we be wiser and better, may we be satisfied with the goodness of Thy House. For Jesu's sake, may we be heard. *Amen.*

(*R. W. Hamilton.*)

O God, so manifest Thyself here every Sabbath, that hither shall come the poor, the sorrowful, the tempted, the outcast and the distressed. May there never come a wanderer here to be sent away without a portion; and may this be a house of mercies, as a token that it is the house of God. Wilt Thou bless us in all our further life, and grant that all the streams of our varied life may flow heavenward, until, at last, we come to Mount Zion before God; and to Thy name shall be the praise of our salvation, Father, Son, Spirit. *Amen.*

(*H. W. Beecher.*)

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, unto us who know that we are weak, and who trust in Thee because we know that Thou art strong, the gladsome help of Thy loving-kindness, both here in time and hereafter in eternity. *Amen.*

(*Roman Breviary.*)

We rejoice, O Lord, in another of the days of the Son of man. Quicken and elevate our souls, that, rising above the formality of devotion, we may

come even to Thy seat, and enjoy a little of the blessedness of those that have entered the Temple above. Enable us to receive the Kingdom of God as a little child. Lead us into all truth. Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us. We ask it in the name and for the sake of our adorable Redeemer. *Amen.*

(*William Jay.*)

BLESSED AND GRACIOUS FATHER, in the morning Thou shalt hear our prayer, and in the evening our song shall rise before Thee. We would show ourselves joyful unto the Lord; we would sing, rejoice, and give thanks. With Thine own right hand, and with Thy holy arm Thou hast fed us and defended us and made us strong.

The glorious company of the apostles: praise Thee.
The goodly fellowship of the prophets: praise Thee.
The noble army of martyrs: praise Thee.
The holy Church throughout all the world: doth acknowledge Thee;
The Father: of an infinite majesty.

With them we join in praising God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. Let our prayer be heard in the name of Jesus Christ, and for His sake send us answers of peace. *Amen.*

(*Joseph Parker.*)

OUR FATHER! we are Thy children, come home this morning to the place of invitation, the place made sacred by the fulfilment of Thy promises ten

thousand times to us. Thou hast made our wants to grow, that Thou mayest have the privilege every day of supplying them, and that we might be brought into the sweetest connection with Thee, by taking, day by day, our daily bread from Thine hand. We come to-day, then, to take what Thou shalt give us; and as Thou art our bread and the water of life, the life, the breath, the all in all, grant us Thyself and we are supplied. Help us to read Thy word, to sing Thy praises, to commune with Thee in prayer, to speak and to hear from Thee. We ask it for Christ's sake. *Amen.*

(*H. W. Beecher.*)

O Lord our God, who hast bidden the light to shine out of darkness, who hast again wakened us to praise Thy goodness and ask for Thy grace: accept now, in Thy endless mercy, the sacrifice of our worship and thanksgiving, and grant unto us all such requests as may be wholesome for us. Make us to be children of the light and of the day, and heirs of Thy everlasting inheritance. Remember, O Lord, according to the multitude of Thy mercies, Thy whole Church; all who join with us in prayer; all our brethren by land or sea, or wherever they may be who stand in need of Thy grace and succour. Pour out upon them the riches of Thy mercy, so that we, redeemed in soul and body, and steadfast in faith, may ever praise Thy wonderful and holy name. *Amen.*

(*Greek Church.*)

O God, author of eternal light, do Thou shed forth continual day upon us who watch for Thee;

that our lips may praise Thee, our life may bless Thee, our meditations may glorify Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(*Sarum Breviary.*)

O LORD, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day, defend us in the same with Thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings, being ordered by Thy governance, may be righteous in Thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(*Gelasian Sacramentary.*)

GRANT US, O LORD, to pass this day in gladness and peace, without stumbling and without stain; that, reaching the eventide victorious over all temptation, we may praise Thee, the eternal God, who art blessed, and dost govern all things, world without end. *Amen.*

(*Mozarabic.*)

ALMIGHTY GOD, our days are Thine, let them be spent for Thee. Our days are few, let them be spent with care. There are dark days behind us, forgive their sinfulness; there may be dark days before us, strengthen us for their trials. We pray Thee to shine upon us this day. Hear us, of Thy mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(*George Dawson.*)

THOU, O LORD, who commandest us to ask, grant that we may receive; Thou hast encouraged us to seek, let us be happy in finding; Thou hast bidden us knock, we pray Thee open unto us. *Amen.*

(*Augustine.*)

ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast planted the Day-star in the heavens, and, scattering the night, dost restore morning to the world; fill us, we beseech Thee, with Thy mercy, so that, Thou being our Enlightener, all the darkness of our sins may be dispersed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(*Sarum Breviary.*)

In the Evening.

O LORD GOD, as we say farewell to the days that are dead behind us, in this day that is dying even while we kneel upon its threshold, give unto us Thy blessing, we beseech Thee, and grant us Thy saving grace in Christ. *Amen.*

(*L. Maclean Watt.*)

OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN, we pray Thee, bless us in our coming together again to-night. We thank Thee for this Sabbath, we thank Thee for past experiences; we remember how Thou hast comforted us, instructed us, given us growth; we remember all the wondrous mercies that have at other times made our hearts soft, and moistened our eyes with

tears. We beseech Thee, bless us in the Sabbaths that yet remain; may every one of them be days of transfiguration, unobscured days in which we shall behold the eternal city, until at last the Sabbath of rest shall dawn that knows no sun-rising nor sun-setting, the light of which shall be our God; and we will give the praise of our salvation in that eternal rest to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

(*H. W. Beecher.*)

UNTO THEE lift we up our eyes, O Thou that dwellest in the heavens. The wings of this morning have flown to the ends of the earth. What healing fell from them! Our earthly Sabbaths will soon be numbered. To the God who hath given us great consolation, to the Lord who bought us, to the Free Spirit—the Divinity revealed to us—be endless glories. *Amen.*

(*R. W. Hamilton.*)

BLESSED SAVIOUR OF THE WORLD, the day is far spent; abide with us that we may abide with Thee. Comfort us with exceeding comfort, lest we be swallowed up of sorrow, and darkened by the spirit of fear. Do Thou pity us, spare us, and work out in us all the way of Thine own love. Forgive all our sin. Hear us in our prayer, when we pray with bent head and self-misgiving heart, and throw our arms of love and faith around the eternal Cross. *Amen.*

(*Joseph Parker.*)

ALMIGHTY GOD, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(*Gregorian Sacramentary.*)

O LORD, the Lord whose ways are right, keep us in Thy mercy from lip-service and empty forms. Help us to worship Thee by righteous deeds and lives of holiness; that our prayer also may be set forth in Thy sight as the incense, and the lifting up of our hands be as an evening sacrifice. *Amen.*

(*Christina G. Rossetti.*)

HEAR US, O never-failing Light, Lord our God, the Fountain of light. May our souls be lamps of Thine, kindled and illuminated by Thee. May they shine and burn with the truth, and never go out in darkness and ashes. May the gloom of sins be cleared away, and the light of perpetual faith abide within us, for Jesu's sake. *Amen.*

(*Mozarabic.*)

ALMIGHTY GOD, Lord of the storm and of the calm, the vexed sea and the quiet haven, of day and of night, of life and of death,—grant unto us so to have our hearts stayed upon Thy faithfulness, Thine unchangingness and love, that, whatsoever betide us, however black the cloud or dark the night,

with quiet faith trusting in Thee, we may look upon Thee with untroubled eye, and walking in lowliness towards Thee, and in lovingness towards one another, abide all storms and troubles of this mortal life, beseeching Thee that they may turn to the soul's true good. We ask it for Thy mercy's sake, shown in Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(*George Dawson.*)

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift, mercifully grant that the frequent meditation of Thine infinite goodness may make us love Thee above all things; that we may here steadfastly believe what we do not see, and, hereafter, in the blessed vision of Thy glory, see what we now cannot comprehend; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(*Book of Hours.*)

HOLY AND MERCIFUL FATHER, who hast again permitted us to assemble this evening hour, we acknowledge and adore Thee, whose greatness is unsearchable, as the Lord our God. We look up to Thee as clothed with glory and honour, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto, and we would stand in awe, as we think of Thy purity and justice. But Thou art glorious in love, as Thou art glorious in holiness; Thou art gracious and full of compassion; Thou art rich in mercy to all that call upon Thee in truth, forgiving iniquity, transgression and sin. Let Thy mercy now be upon us for the sake of Thy Son, who suffered for sins, the Just for the unjust to bring us to Thee. *Amen.*

(*Thomas D. Crothers.*)

LET THY WORD, merciful Saviour, dwell in us richly; let Thy gospel come to us this night as a singing angel with sweet messages from Thy heart; and may we listen and give glad welcome to every word from heaven. *Amen.*

(*Joseph Parker.*)

O THOU, who art the true Sun of the world, evermore rising, and never going down; who, by Thy most wholesome appearing and sight dost nourish, and make joyful all things, as well that are in heaven, as also that are on earth; we beseech Thee mercifully and favourably to shine into our hearts, that the night and darkness of sin, and the mists of error on every side, being driven away, Thou brightly shining within our hearts, we may all our life long go without any stumbling or offence, and may walk as in the daytime, being pure and clean from the works of darkness, and abounding in all good works which Thou hast prepared for us to walk in. *Amen.*

(*Erasmus.*)

GLORIOUS GOD! it is the flower of our being to worship Thee: this is the crown and glory of life, to adore and worship the Life-giver from whom all good things come. Oh for the Holy Spirit's power to help us in worship now! Breathe upon us, O Divine Spirit, and let Thy breath cause us to forget the world, and bring us into the fullest life in the contemplation of God and heaven. *Amen.*

(*C. H. Spurgeon.*)

O THOU who hast taught us how good it is to follow the desires which Thou hast put into our hearts, and how grievous it is to lose the love of whatever beauty and goodness our minds have once beheld; give us grace, we beseech Thee, at all times to covet earnestly the best gifts; to strive daily after the things for which we pray, and always to offer unto Thee the sacrifice of a consecrated and faithful life. And this we ask as disciples of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

(*J. Hunter.*)

O LORD, from whom all good things do come, grant to us, Thy humble servants, that by Thy holy inspiration we may think those things that are good, and by Thy merciful guiding may perform the same, through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

(*Gelasian Sacramentary.*)

WITH ALL GLADNESS and confidence we would come to Thee, our Father, as knowing Thine infinite mercy and our all but boundless need. Give us, we beseech Thee, the rejoicing sense of Thy presence and love, that our worship may be glad, inspiring, quickening, and complete, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(*Alex. Maclaren.*)

O GOD, who art, and wast, and art to come, before whose face the generations rise and pass away; age after age the living seek Thee, and find that of Thy faithfulness there is no end. Our

fathers in their pilgrimage walked by Thy guidance, and rested on Thy compassion: still to their children be Thou the cloud by day, the fire by night. Take now the veil from every heart, and join us in one communion with Thy prophets and saints who have trusted in Thee, and were not ashamed. Not of our worthiness, but of Thy tender mercy, hear our prayer. *Amen.*

(*Jas. Martineau.*)

We come before Thee, O Lord, in the end of Thy day, with thanksgiving. Our beloved in the far parts of the earth, those who are now beginning the labours of the day what time we end them, and those with whom the sun now stands at the point of noon, bless, help, console, and prosper them. *Amen.*

(*R. L. Stevenson.*)

Permit us, gracious Father, to come very near to Thee. May the drawings of the Divine Spirit now sweetly attract us to God; and most blessed Jesus, fulfil Thine office as Mediator, bring us now near to God by Thy precious blood for Thy Name's sake. *Amen.*

(*C. H. Spurgeon.*)

Pour upon us, O Lord, the spirit of brotherly kindness and peace; so that, sprinkled with the dew

of Thy benediction, we may be made glad by Thy glory and grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(*Sarum Breviary.*)

ALMIGHTY GOD, we come this night, worshipping, pleading, giving thanks, making supplication. Lord, if we bring to Thee a tired heart, refresh it; if we bring a sad heart, cheer it; if we bring a true heart, speak of Thine own faithfulness. Be with us now, through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

(*T. T. Lynch.*)

LORD, the night is Thine, the day is Thine. May the night serve us for the day, and the day win a blessing for the night. And if, at morning, we repent and do our first works; at evening, do Thou still remit our sins, according to Thy great mercy and faithfulness, in Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

(*T. T. Lynch.*)

LORD OF THE EVENING, who hast so often given us at sunset quiet rest and social pleasure, and hast made our lighter thoughts and our sober meditations sweet; this is the evening of Thy day. O grant us Thy peace. Enter into our midst, and shew Thyself unto us in Jesus Christ, saying, "Peace be with you, ye blessed of my Father." Grant us all the blessings of Thy love, through the son of Thy love, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

(*T. T. Lynch.*)

Closing Prayers.

ONCE AGAIN, O LORD, and more than ever, we commend ourselves to the Light in which there is no darkness, to the faithful care of the goodness which reigneth from everlasting to everlasting. And unto Thee, O God, the Beginning, and the End, the First and the Last, be praise for ever. *Amen.*

(*J. Hunter.*)

NOW BEHOLD US, OUR GOD, and continue Thy love towards us, and graciously dwell with us. And when this time of trial is done, and the poor, cold, grey twilight vanishes, may our eyes be open to behold the morning, and to see the King in the fulness of His beauty. *Amen.*

(*Joseph Parker.*)

HEAR OUR PETITIONS, O FATHER, and accept our adorations, in the name and for the sake of Thy beloved Son, whom Thou hast anointed as our Priest for ever. And now we ascribe honour, and glory, and blessing to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, world without end. *Amen.*

(*R. W. Hamilton.*)

O GOD, FORGIVE the weakness of our prayer, forgive the wandering of our heart: but through the Well-Beloved, who stands before Thee now in all His beauty as risen from the dead; through Him whom our soul loveth, even as Thou lovest Him; through Him whom we adore as "God over all,

blessed for ever," though bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh—through Him and for His sake look kindly on us now. *Amen.*

(*C. H. Spurgeon.*)

LIGHTEN OUR DARKNESS, we beseech Thee, O Lord; and by Thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of Thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

(*Gelasian Sacramentary.*)

LOOK UPON US, O GOD, with favour for Christ's sake. Enable us to be truly thankful for all the mercies of this day, and make us humble and penitent on account of our sins and extend to us free forgiveness, for the sake of Thy Son, our Redeemer. *Amen.*

(*Thomas D. Crothers.*)

THE DAY IS ENDING, OUR FATHER; may we take hence its quiet and effectual blessing. Our heart has made to Thee its entreaty; our lips have uttered their praise; our minds have exercised themselves in things too hard for us, wert not Thou our Teacher. Accept our offerings; bless our efforts. Safely would we this night rest; cheerfully would we rise on the morrow: in our days we would have much gladness, for our work a bountiful reward. Accept our worship, and bless this service to our welfare, for Christ's sake. *Amen.*

(*T. T. Lynch.*)

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To the Father,
The Son,
And the Holy Ghost;
The mystery of all being,
And the origin of all love;
Three in One,
One in Three,—
Be the praise of all worlds and all times.
Amen.

(*Joseph Parker.*)

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